NOTES OF THE NATIONAL SPORT COMMITTEE
1ST NOVEMBER 2016

Rule 287 – Single Phase Competition
Amend wording to read: 'The second section must include additional obstacles'. Remove the word 'Five'

The Committee, having discussed this at length, agreed the Single Phase wording should be amended to read. 'The second section must only comprise of new obstacles not previously used in the first section'. The height of the second section should be set higher than those set for the first section.

National Amateur 85cms class
A proposal that the above class count for points in the Bronze league as currently the league is only for classes 90cms and above.

The Committee unanimously agreed the National Amateur 85cms class should be included for Bronze league points and an implementation date of 1 April 2017 was confirmed.

Pony Class 70cms and Below
A proposal for a pony competition of 70cms and below is required where no points are accumulated mirroring that of the senior classes.

The Committee felt the above was a sensible proposal to mirror that used in senior classes. It was agreed this would be implemented from 1st April 2017.

Pony Boots
A proposal to implement the boot rule for pony competitions.

It was reported that having checked with the FEI, the pony boot rules are the same as for horses. It was therefore agreed with immediate effect the boot rule would be effective for all Pony Age classes, Newcomer and Foxhunter Second Rounds and Finals.

Rule 506 - Winter Novice Competition
The Committee unanimously agreed the age rule be permitted for this competition replicating that of Rule 312.1b. Implementation immediately.

Bronze and Silver League restrictions
The Committee unanimously agreed that any rider qualified for other Senior HOYS Final/s cannot compete in the Bronze or Silver Final in the same year (once qualified for another Senior HOYS final will lose their Bronze/Silver final place). Implementation immediately.

HC / Hors Concours – Rule 77.3.6

The Committee unanimously agreed to remove the second sentence of Rule 77.3.6 from the 2017 Rule Book:

'A horse or pony that has competed in affiliated competitions 'Hors Concours' or on a 'Ticket to Ride' is not allowed to compete subsequently for prizes in the same arena on the same day. ~~In affiliated competitions, a horse/pony may not jump 'Hors Concours' immediately after its competitive round and not wait until the end of the class. If the rider has subsequent competitive entries in the class they will now remain competitive and not have to jump 'Hors Concours'. The horse who has jumped 'Hors Concours' or on a 'Ticket to Ride', will remain 'Hors Concours' or on a 'Ticket to Ride', in that ring for the rest of the day as usual. However, a horse/ pony may jump in unaffiliated/minor competitions or clear round jumping and then jump competitively in affiliated competitions in the same ring on the same day.~~

The Committee also agreed to remove Rule 77.3.8 from the handbook:
~~A rider wishing to ride competitively and 'Hors Concours' or on a 'Ticket to Ride' in the same competition must ride the competitive entry first. Competitors riding on a 'Ticket', who go through to the jump-off(s), must jump at the end of the jump-off(s).~~

128cms Course Specifications

The committee unanimously agreed to include wording in the Members Handbook that a spread is not permitted as the second or third part of a double or combination for 128cms ponies.

Rules 398 and 399 - 148cms Special and 148cms Restriction Open

Following a report that the above classes had too much of a restriction against them, the Committee unanimously agreed that the preliminary competitions should be open to all but the finals be restricted to riders who have not been on a European Championship team or listed in the Top 10 of the Pony Gold league as of end of March of the respective year.

It was also agreed that the classes be run under A10 as opposed to A8. Immediate implementation.